# The Standard Model confronts the LHC

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- Status of the SM EW theory
- The Higgs problem

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- Status of QCD
- Top quark

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- Problems of the SM
- Motivation for new physics at the TeV scale
- Avenues for new physics



# The Standard Model works very well

So, why not find the Higgs and declare particle physics solved?

First, you have to find it!

 $\longrightarrow$  LHC

#### Because of both:

#### Conceptual problems

- Quantum gravity
- The hierarchy problem
- The flavour problem

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## and experimental clues:

- Coupling unification
- Neutrino masses
- Baryogenesis
- Dark matter
- Vacuum energy

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Some of these problems point at new physics at the weak scale: eg Hierarchy Dark matter



# Conceptual problems of the SM

Most clearly:

- No quantum gravity ( $M_{Pl} \sim 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$ )
- But a direct extrapolation of the SM leads directly to GUT's ( $M_{GUT} \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$ )

M<sub>CUT</sub> close to M<sub>PI</sub>



- suggests unification with gravity as in superstring theories
- poses the problem of the relation m<sub>w</sub> vs M<sub>GUT</sub>- M<sub>Pl</sub>

Can the SM be valid up to M<sub>GUT</sub>- M<sub>PI</sub>??



The "big" hierarchy problem

Not only it looks very unlikely, but the new physics must be near the weak scale!



With new physics at  $\Lambda$  the low energy theory is only an effective theory. After integration of the heavy d.o.f.:

$$\mathcal{L}_{i}: operator of dim i$$
 
$$\mathcal{L} = o(\Lambda^{2})\mathcal{L}_{2} + o(\Lambda)\mathcal{L}_{3} + o(1)\mathcal{L}_{4} + o(1/\Lambda)\mathcal{L}_{5} + o(1/\Lambda^{2})\mathcal{L}_{6} + ...$$
 Renorm.ble part Non renorm.ble part

In absence of special symmetries or selection rules, by dimensions  $c_i \mathcal{L}_i \sim o(\Lambda^{4-i}) \mathcal{L}_i$ 

 $\mathcal{L}_2$ : Boson masses  $\phi^2$ . In the SM the mass in the Higgs potential is unprotected:  $c_2 \sim o(\Lambda^2)$ 

 $\mathcal{L}_3$ : Fermion masses  $\overline{\psi}\psi$ . Protected by chiral symmetry and SU(2)xU(1):  $\Lambda -> m \log \Lambda$ 

 $\mathcal{L}_4$ : Renorm.ble interactions, e.g.  $\overline{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}\psi A_{\mu}$ 

 $\mathcal{L}_{i>4}$ : Non renorm.ble: suppressed by  $1/\Lambda^{i-4}$  e.g.  $1/\Lambda^2 \overline{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi \overline{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi$ 

# For the low energy theory: the "little hierarchy" problem:

e.g. the top loop (the most pressing):

$$m_h^2 = m_{bare}^2 + \delta m_h^2$$
  
 $-\frac{3G_F}{m^2} \Delta^2 \approx -(0.2 \Delta)^2$ 

h h



 $\delta m_{h|top}^2 = -\frac{3}{2}$ 

 $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\pi^2}$ 

 $l_t^2 \Lambda^2 \sim -(0.2)$ 

 $\Lambda \sim o(1 \text{TeV})$ 

This hierarchy problem demands new physics near the weak scale

 $\Lambda$ : scale of new physics beyond the SM

- $\Lambda >> m_Z$ : the SM is so good at LEP
- $\Lambda$  ~ few times  $G_F^{-1/2}$  ~ o(1TeV) for a natural explanation of  $m_h$  or  $m_W$

The LEP Paradox: m<sub>h</sub> light, new physics must be so close but its effects were not visible at LEP2

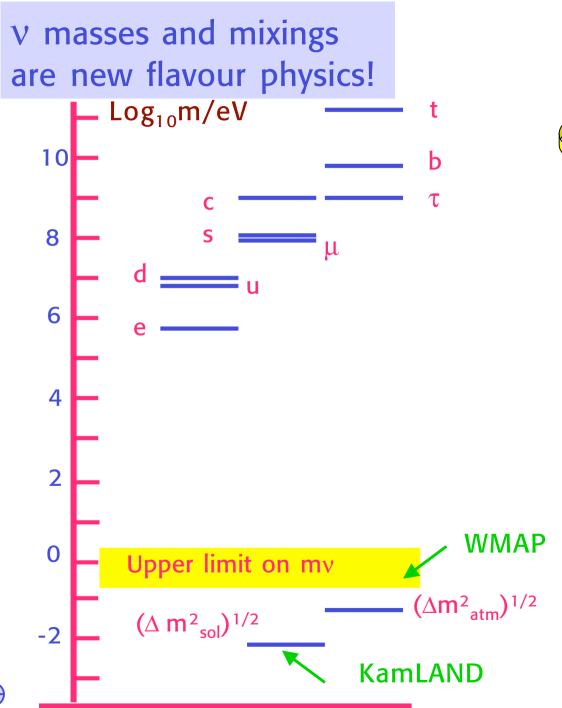
The B-factory Paradox: and not visible in flavour physics



# Before discussing possible forms of new physics we now consider some important evidence for it

- Neutrino masses
- Baryogenesis
- Dark matter





# Neutrino masses are really special!



 $m_t/(\Delta m_{atm}^2)^{1/2} \sim 10^{12}$ 

Massless ν's?

- no  $v_R$
- L conserved

Small v masses?

- $v_R$  very heavy
- L not conserved

Neutrino masses point to M<sub>GUT</sub>, well fit into the SUSY picture and in GUT's

# A very natural and appealing explanation:

v's are nearly massless because they are Majorana particles and get masses through L non conserving interactions suppressed by a large scale M  $\sim$  M<sub>GUT</sub>

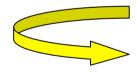
$$m_{\nu} \sim \frac{m^2}{M}$$

 $m \le m_t \sim v \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$ 

M: scale of L non cons.

#### Note:

$$m_v \sim (\Delta m_{atm}^2)^{1/2} \sim 0.05 \text{ eV}$$
  
m ~ v ~ 200 GeV



 $M \sim 10^{14} - 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$ 

# Neutrino masses are a probe of physics at M<sub>GUT</sub>!

A signal in  $0\nu\beta\beta$  would be an essential confirmation



# Baryogenesis

$$n_B/n_{\gamma} \sim 10^{-10}, n_B >> n_{Bbar}$$

Conditions for baryogenesis: (Sacharov '67)

- B non conservation (obvious)
- C, CP non conserv'n (B-Bbar odd under C, CP)
- No thermal equilib'm (n=exp[ $\mu$ -E/kT];  $\mu_B=\mu_{Bbar}$ ,  $m_B=m_{Bbar}$  by CPT

If several phases of BG exist at different scales the asymm. created by one out-of-equilib'm phase could be erased in later equilib'm phases: BG at lowest scale best

### Possible epochs and mechanisms for BG:

- At the weak scale in the SM Excluded
- At the weak scale in the MSSM Disfavoured
- Near the GUT scale via Leptogenesis Very attractive



# Baryogenesis by decay of heavy Majorana v's

# BG via Leptogenesis near the GUT scale

 $T \sim 10^{12\pm3}$  GeV (after inflation)

Buchmuller, Yanagida, Plumacher, Ellis, Lola, Giudice et al, Fujii et al

Only survives if  $\Delta(B-L)$  is not zero (otherwise is washed out at  $T_{ew}$  by instantons)

Main candidate: decay of lightest  $v_R$  (M~10<sup>12</sup> GeV)

L non conserv. in  $v_R$  out-of-equilibrium decay:

B-L excess survives at T<sub>ew</sub> and gives the obs. B asymmetry.

Quantitative studies confirm that the range of  $m_i$  from  $\nu$  oscill's is compatible with BG via (thermal) LG

In particular the bound was derived for hierarchy

 $m_i < 10^{-1} eV$ 

Can be relaxed for degenerate neutrinos So fully compatible with oscill'n data!!

Buchmuller, Di Bari, Plumacher; Giudice et al; Pilaftsis et al; Hambye et al



#### **Dark Matter**

WMAP, SDSS, 2dFGRS....

Most of the Universe is not made up of atoms:  $\Omega_{tot} \sim 1$ ,  $\Omega_{b} \sim 0.044$ ,  $\Omega_{m} \sim 0.27$  Most is Dark Matter and Dark Energy

Most Dark Matter is Cold (non relativistic at freeze out) Significant Hot Dark matter is disfavoured

Neutrinos are not much cosmo-relevant:  $\Omega_v$ <0.015

SUSY has excellent DM candidates: eg Neutralinos (--> LHC) Also Axions are still viable

(in a mass window around m  $\sim 10^{-4}$  eV and  $f_a \sim 10^{11}$  GeV but these values are simply a-posteriori)

Identification of Dark Matter is a task of enormous importance for particle physics and cosmology



## LHC has good chances because it can reach any kind of WIMP:

WIMP: weakly interacting particle with m ~ 10<sup>1</sup>-10<sup>3</sup> GeV

For WIMP's in thermal equilibrium after inflation the density is:

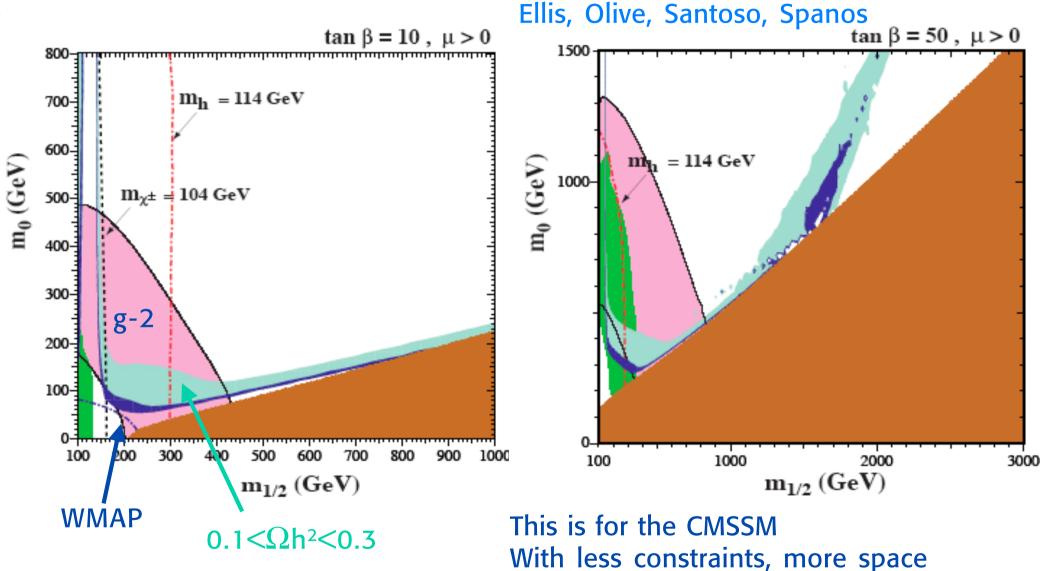
$$\Omega_{\chi} h^2 \simeq const. \cdot \frac{T_0^3}{M_{\rm Pl}^3 \langle \sigma_A v \rangle} \simeq \frac{0.1 \text{ pb} \cdot c}{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle}$$

can work for typical weak cross-sections!!!

This "coincidence" is a good indication in favour of a WIMP explanation of Dark Matter



# SUSY Dark Matter: we hope it is the neutralino [the gravitino is a non WIMP alternative]





# Solutions to the hierarchy problem

- Supersymmetry: boson-fermion symm. exact (unrealistic): cancellation of  $\Lambda^2$  in  $\delta m_h^2$  approximate (possible):  $\Lambda \sim m_{SUSY} m_{ord}$  top loop  $\Lambda \sim m_{stop}$ . The most widely accepted
- The Higgs is a  $\psi\bar{\psi}$  condensate. No fund. scalars. But needs new very strong binding force:  $\Lambda_{\text{new}} \sim 10^3 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$  (technicolor). Strongly disfavoured by LEP. Coming back in new forms
  - Models where extra symmetries allow  $m_h$  only at 2 loops and non pert. regime starts at  $\Lambda \sim 10$  TeV "Little Higgs" models. Some extra trick needed to solve problems with EW precision tests
- Extra spacetime dim's that "bring" M<sub>Pl</sub> down to o(1TeV)
  Exciting. Many facets. Rich potentiality. No baseline model emerged so far
- Ignore the problem: invoke the anthropic principle

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In many cases "naturalness" has been a good guide in particle physics

For example:  $(m_K-m_{Kbar})/m_K \sim G_F^2 f_K^2 m_c^2$ 

Without charm and GIM the short distance contribution is  $\sim G_F^2 f_K^2 m_W^2$  and an unnatural cancellation between long and short distance contributions is needed

Note that  $\Lambda_{QCD} \ll M_{GUT}$  is natural (log running of  $\alpha_s$ ):

$$\alpha_s (M_{GUT})^{-1} = 2b \log \frac{M_{GUT}}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$$

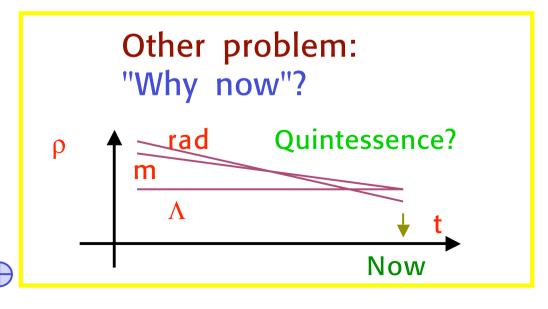
$$\Lambda_{QCD} = M_{GUT} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2b\alpha_s (M_{GUT})}\right]$$

"Dimensional transmutation" brings in exponential suppression



# The anthropic route

The scale of the cosmological constant is a big mystery.



"Quintessence"
Λ as a vev of a field φ?

Coupled to gauge singlet matter, eg  $v_R$ , to solve magnitude and why now?

#### Is naturalness relevant?

#### Speculative physics reasons to doubt:

- The empirical value of the cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  poses a tremendous, unsolved naturalness problem yet the value of  $\Lambda$  is close to the Weinberg upper bound for galaxy formation
  - Possibly our Universe is just one of infinitely many continuously created from the vacuum by quantum fluctuations
  - Different physics in different Universes according to the multitude of string theory solutions (~10<sup>500</sup>)

Perhaps we live in a very unlikely Universe but one that allows our existence



I find applying the anthropic principle to the SM hierarchy problem excessive

After all we can find plenty of models that reduce the fine tuning from 10<sup>14</sup> to 10<sup>2</sup>: why make our Universe so terribly unlikely?

Perhaps it is relevant for the residual fine tuning

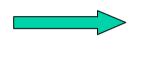
The case of the cosmological constant is a lot different: the context is not as fully specified as the for the SM (quantum gravity, string cosmology, branes in extra dims., wormholes thru different Universes....)



# SUSY: boson fermion symmetry

An equal number of bosonic and fermionic degrees of freedom Examples:

Electron field (4 components)



2 charged scalar s-electron fields

Gluon (massless: 2 dof)



gluino: Majorana fermion  $g = g^c$ 

Why s-particles not yet seen? A clue:

Observed particles are those whose mass is forbidden by SU(2)xU(1)

When SUSY is broken but SU(2)xU(1) is unbroken s-particles get a mass, particles remain massless



# SUSY fits with GUT's

From  $\alpha_{QED}(m_Z)$ ,  $\sin^2\theta_W$  measured at LEP predict  $\alpha_s(m_Z)$  for unification (assuming desert)

EXP:  $\alpha_s(m_Z)=0.119\pm0.003$ Present world average •Coupling unification: Precise matching of gauge couplings at M<sub>GUT</sub> fails in SM and is well compatible in SUSY

Non SUSY GUT's  $\alpha_s(m_Z)=0.073\pm0.002$  SUSY GUT's  $\alpha_s(m_Z)=0.130\pm0.010$ 

Dominant error:

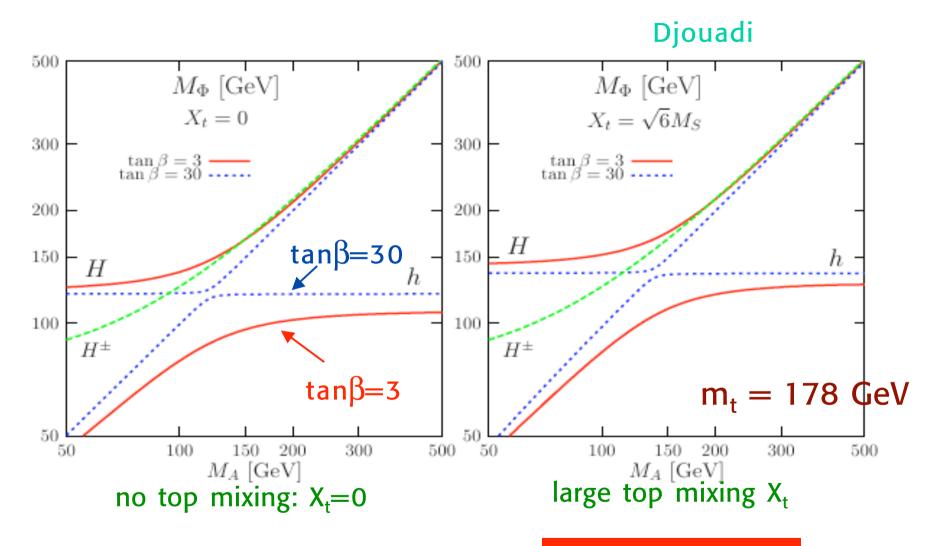
thresholds near M<sub>GUT</sub>

- Proton decay: Far too fast without SUSY
- $M_{GUT} \sim 10^{15} \text{GeV non SUSY } -> 10^{16} \text{GeV SUSY}$
- Dominant decay: Higgsino exchange

While GUT's and SUSY very well match, (best phenomenological hint for SUSY!) in technicolor, extra dimensions, little higgs etc., there is no ground for GUT's



## In SUSY: 2 Higgs doublets, 5 in the phys. spectrum h, A, H, H<sup>±</sup>

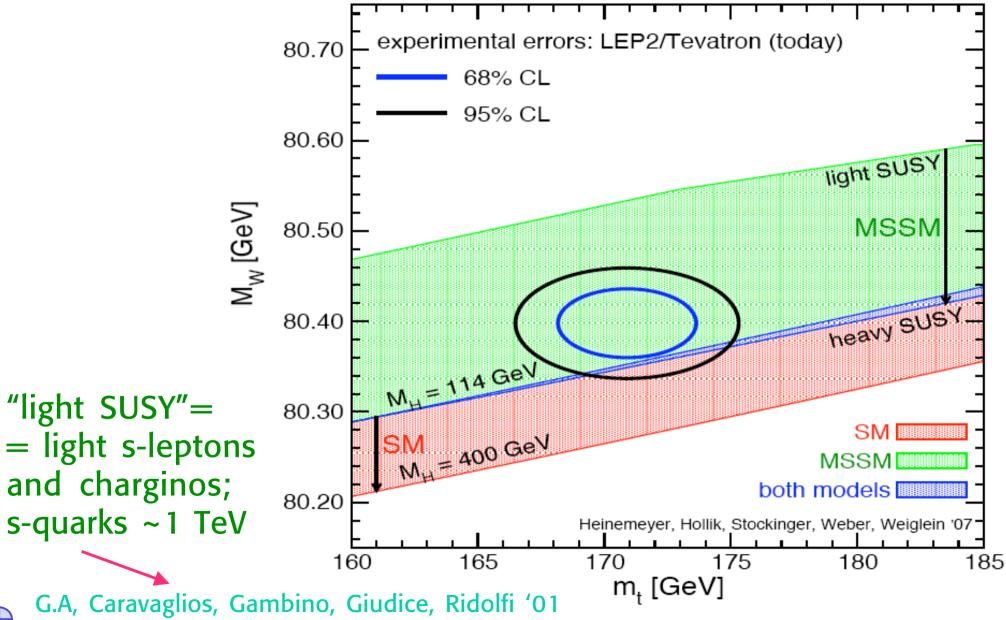


Now with  $m_t \sim 171$  GeV:

 $m_h < \sim 125 \text{ GeV}$ 

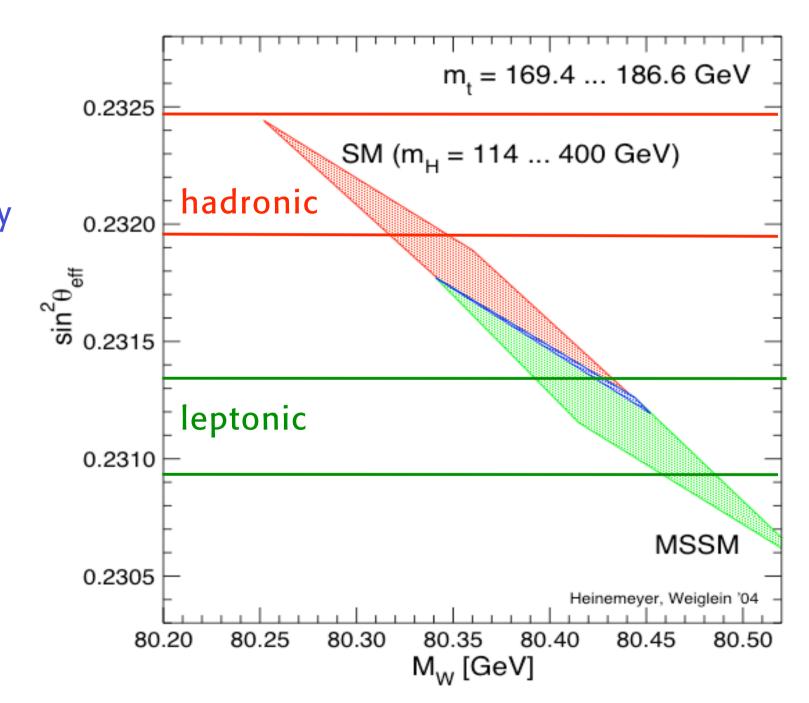


# SUSY effects could modify the SM fit





sin<sup>2</sup>θ is unfortunately ambiguous



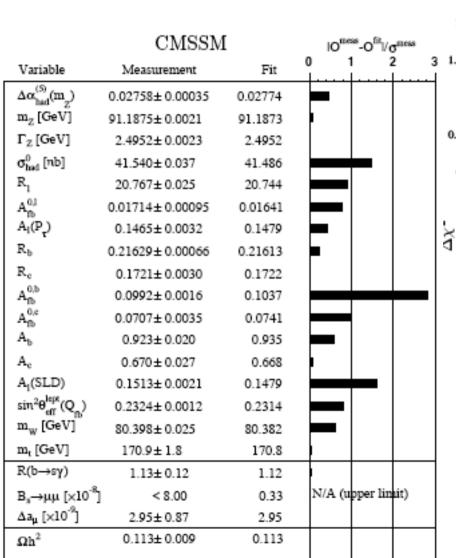


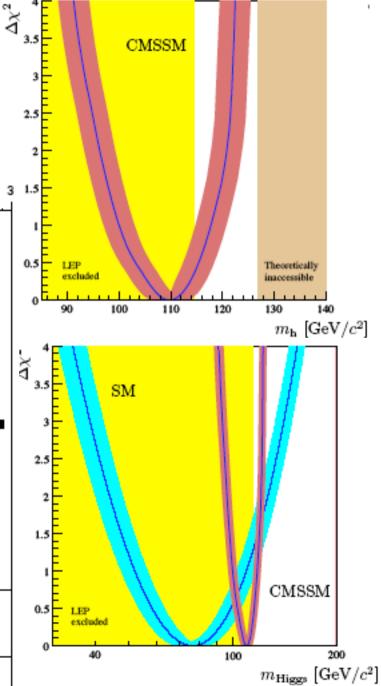
A recent study indicates that  $m_h$  goes up in CMSSM when b->s $\gamma$ ,  $a_{\mu}$ ,  $\Omega_{DM}$  are added

O. Buchmuller et al '07

also:

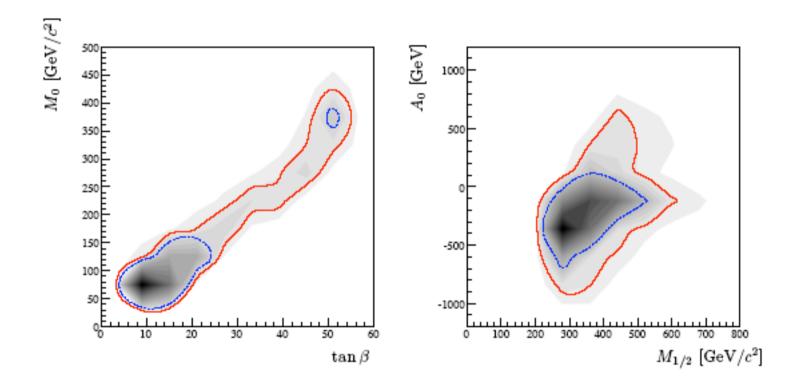
J. Ellis et al '07







#### O. Buchmuller et al '07





Large neutrino mixings can induce observable  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$  and  $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$  transitions

In fact, in SUSY models large lepton mixings induce large s-lepton mixings via RG effects (boosted by the large Yukawas of the 3rd family)

Detailed predictions depend on the model structure and the SUSY parameters.

MEG exp under way->10-12-10-13

Typical values:  $B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-11} - 10^{-14} \text{(now: } \sim 10^{-11})$  $B(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) < \sim 10^{-7} \text{(now: } \sim 10^{-7}\text{)}$ 

See, e.g., a review by Masiero, Vempati, Vives '07



But: Lack of SUSY signals at LEP2 + lower limit on m<sub>H</sub> problems for minimal SUSY

• In MSSM: 
$$m_h^2 \approx m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \frac{3\alpha_w m_t^4}{4\pi m_W^2 \sin^2 \beta} \ln \frac{\tilde{m}_t^4}{m_t^4} < \sim 125 \text{ GeV}$$

So  $m_H > 114$  GeV considerably reduces available parameter space.

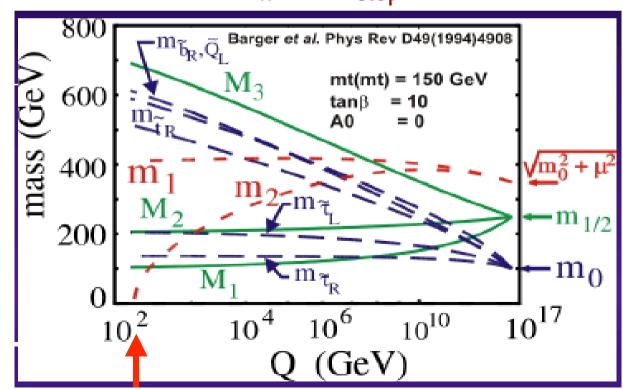


 $m_{stop}$  large tends to clash with  $\delta m_h^2 \sim m_{stop}^2$ 

In SUSY EW symm.
 breaking is induced
 by H<sub>u</sub> running

Exact location implies constraints







## m<sub>z</sub> can be expressed in terms of SUSY parameters

For example, assuming universal masses at M<sub>GUT</sub> for scalars and for gauginos

$$m_Z^2 \approx c_{1/2} m_{1/2}^2 + c_0 m_0^2 + c_t A_t^2 + c_\mu \mu^2$$
  $c_a = c_a (m_t \alpha_i ...)$ 

Clearly if  $m_{1/2}$ ,  $m_0$ ,... >>  $m_z$ : Fine tuning!

LEP results (e.g.  $m_{\chi +} > \sim 100$  GeV) exclude gaugino universality if no FT by  $> \sim 20$  times is allowed

Without gaugino univ. the constraint only remains on m<sub>gluino</sub> and is not incompatible

$$m_Z^2 \approx 0.7 m_{gluino}^2 + \dots$$

Barbieri, Giudice; de Carlos, Casas; Barbieri, Strumia; Kane, King; Kane, Lykken, Nelson, Wang.....

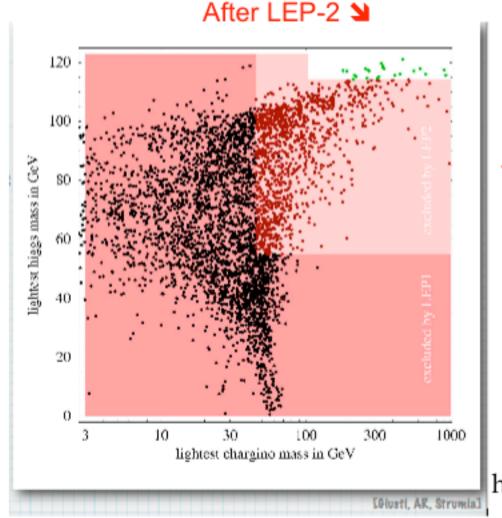
[Exp.:  $m_{gluino} > \sim 200 GeV$ ]



### **Evolution of SUSY fine tuning**

A typical supergravity model is in trouble by now

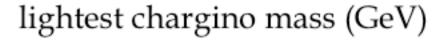
lightest Higgs mass (GeV)



← After LEP-1

Less fine tuning in non minimal models!

[Giusti-Romanino-Strumia, hep-ph/9811386]





## **Summarising**

$$\delta m_{h|top}^2 = -\frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi^2} m_t^2 \Lambda^2 \sim -(0.2\Lambda)^2$$

The hierarchy problem:

In broken SUSY  $\Lambda^2$  is replaced by  $(m_{stop}^2-m_t^2)log\Lambda$ 

 $m_H>114.4$  GeV,  $m_{\chi+}>100$  GeV, EW precision tests, success of CKM, absence of FCNC, all together, impose sizable Fine Tuning (FT) particularly on minimal realizations (MSSM, CMSSM...).

Yet SUSY is a completely specified, consistent, computable model, perturbative up to  $M_{\text{Pl}}$  quantitatively in agreement with coupling unification (unique among NP models) and has a good DM candidate: the neutralino (actually more than one).



Remains the reference model for NP

# **Little Higgs Models**

Georgi (moose)/Arkani-Hamed et al/Low, Skiba, Smith/Kaplan, Schmaltz/Chang, Wacker/Gregoire et al

$$\begin{array}{c} G \supset \begin{bmatrix} SU(2) \otimes U(1) \end{bmatrix}^2 \supset SU(2) \otimes U(1) \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \end{array}$$
 global gauged SM

H is (pseudo)-Goldstone boson of G: takes mass only at 2-loops (needs breaking of 2 subgroups or 2 couplings)

recall: 
$$\delta m_{h|top}^2 = -\frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi^2} m_t^2 \Lambda^2 \sim -(0.2\Lambda)^2$$
  $G_F \sim g^2 \rightarrow g^4$ 

cutoff  $\Lambda$  ~10 TeV

## $\Lambda^2$ divergences canceled by:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \delta m^2_{H|top} & new \ coloured \ fermion \ \chi with \ Q=2/3 \\ \delta m^2_{H|gauge} & W', \ Z', \ \gamma' \\ \delta m^2_{H|Higgs} & new \ scalars \end{array}$$

2 Higgs doublets ~0.2 TeV



### Little Higgs: Big Problems with Precision Tests

Hewett, Petriello, Rizzo/ Csaki et al/Casalbuoni, De Andrea, Oertel/ Kilian, Reuter/

In early versions even with vectorlike new fermions large corrections arise mainly from  $W_i'$ , Z' exchange. [in particular if lack of custodial SU(2) symmetry]

Can be fixed by complicating the model: T-parity, mirror fermions....

Cheng, Low



# Little Higgs with T parity and mirror fermions

Cheng, Low

T parity interchanges the two SU(2)xU(1) groups

Standard gauge bosons are T even while heavy ones are T odd

As a consequence no tree level contributions from heavy W' & Z' in processes with external SM particles. All corrections to EW observables at loop level only (still dangerous -> mirror fermions)

Like for R-parity in MSSM, the lightest T-odd particle is stable (usually a B') and can be a candidate for Dark Matter. T-odd particles are produced in pairs [missing energy (ME)].

T symmetry broken by anomalies? No stable B', no ME
Hill&Hill'07



# In conclusion, for little Higgs:

One can make up a viable model.

Technically sophisticated

But the main drawback is: Little Higgs provides just a postponement: UV completion beyond ~10 TeV? GUT's?

Still important as it offers well specified signals and signatures for searching at the LHC:

a light Higgs, a new top-like fermion  $\chi$  to damp the top loop, new W', Z' for the W, Z loops,.....



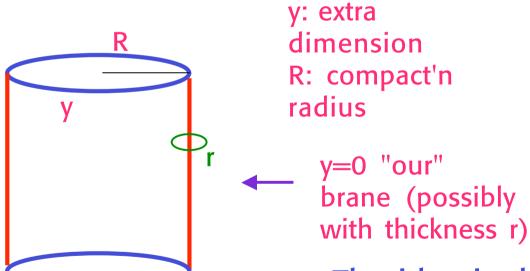
### **Extra Dimensions**

# Solve the hierarchy problem by bringing gravity down from $M_{Pl}$ to o(1TeV)

Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos/ Dvali+Antoniadis

## Early formulation: inspired by string theory, one assumed:

- Large compactified extra dimensions
- SM fields are on a brane
- Gravity propagates in the whole bulk



 $G_N \sim 1/M_{Pl}^2$ : Newton const.  $M_{Pl}$  large as  $G_N$  weak

The idea is that gravity appears weak as a lot of lines of force escape in extra dimensions



- Large Extra Dimensions is an exciting scenario.
- However, by itself it is difficult to see how it can solve the main problems (hierarchy, the LEP Paradox)
  - \* Why (Rm) not 0(1)?

    needs d-4 large

$$\left(\frac{M_{Pl}}{m}\right)^2 = (Rm)^{d-4}$$

- \* $\Lambda \sim 1/R$  must be small (m<sub>H</sub> light)
- \* But precision tests put very strong lower limits on  $\Lambda$  (several TeV)

In fact in simplest models of this class there is no mechanism to sufficiently quench the corrections



 Randall-Sundrum: warped versions with non factorizable metric emerged as more promising



Generic feature of extra dim. models:

compact dim. 

Kaluza-Klein (KK) modes



$$p=n/R$$

p=n/R  $m^2=n^2/R^2$  (quantization in a box)

•SM fields on a brane or in bulk The brane can itself have a thickness r:  $1/r > \sim 1 \text{TeV} \longrightarrow r < \sim 10^{-17} \text{ cm}$ 



cfr: Gravity always on bulk

•Factorized metric:

$$ds^{2} = \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} + h_{ij}(y) dy^{i} dy^{j}$$

•Warped metric: Randall-Sundrum (R-S)

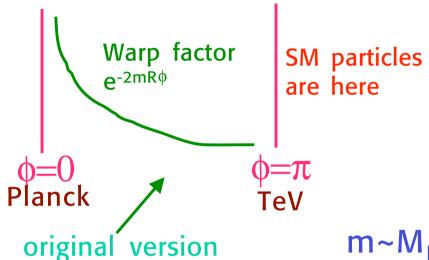
$$ds^2 = e^{-2mR|\varphi|} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} - R^2 \varphi^2$$

Many possibilities:

> emerges as the most promising



# Randall-Sundrum: $ds^2 = e^{-2mR|\phi|} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^{\mu} dx^{\nu} - R^2 \phi^2$



This non-fact.ble metric is solution of Einstein eq.s with 2 branes at  $\phi$ =0, $\pi$  and specified 5-dim cosmological term

 $m\sim M_{Pl}$  for all mR:  $m^2 \sim M_{Pl}^2(1-e^{-2mR\phi})$ 

All 4-dim masses  $m_4$  are scaled down with respect to 5-dim masses  $m_5 \sim M_{Pl}$  by the warp factor:  $m_4 = M_{Pl}e^{-mR\pi}$ 

The hierarchy problem demands that mR ~ 12: not too large!!

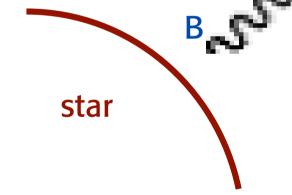
R not large in this case!

Stabilization of mR at a compatible value can be assured by a scalar field in the bulk with a suitable potential "radion" Goldberger, Wise



2 identical atoms in A and B emit light with frequencies  $v_A$  and  $v_B$ 

$$\frac{v_B}{v_A} = \sqrt{\frac{g_{00}(B)}{g_{00}(A)}} < 1$$



seen from A the B frequency is smaller: as if the photon kinetic energy lost by climbing out of grav. field

Similarly in RS mc<sup>2</sup> is smaller by the corresponding factor  $g_{00}^{1/2} --> m_4 = M_{Pl} e^{-mR\pi}$ 

Good tutorials:
R. Sundrum '04
TASI lectures
R. Rattazzi '05
Cargese Lectures



# The RS original formulation is very elegant but when going to a realistic formulation it has problems

Electroweak precision tests

too large corrections (e.g. at tree level)

• In a description of physics from  $m_W$  to  $M_{Pl}$  there should be place for GUT's.

But, If all SM particles are on the TeV brane the effective theory cut-off is low and no way to  $M_{GUT}$  is open

Pomarol; Agashe, Delgado, Sundrum

Inspired by RS different realizations of warped geometry tried:

- gauge fields in the bulk
- all SM fields (except the Higgs) on the bulk

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Model building based on RS explored in many directions



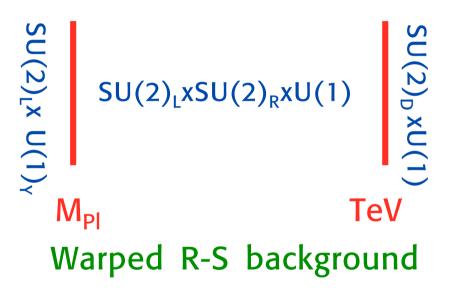
We consider now some ideas on electroweak symmetry breaking in extra dimensional models



## Gauge Symmetry Breaking (Higgsless theories)

Csaki et al/Nomura/Davoudiasl et al/Barbieri, Pomarol, Rattazzi;....

The only models were no Higgs would be found at LHC. But signals of new physics would be observed



Symmetries broken by Boundary Conditions (BC) on the branes

Altogether only U(1)<sub>Q</sub> unbroken

- Unitarity breaking (no Higgs) delayed by KK recurrences
- Dirac fermions on the bulk (L and R doublets). Only one chirality has a zero mode on the brane



#### With no Higgs unitarity violations, eg:

$$A\left(W_L^+W_L^- \to Z_L Z_L\right) = \frac{G_F E^2}{8\sqrt{2}\pi}$$

At E ~ 1.2 TeV unitarity is violated

In Higgsless models unitarity is restored by exchange of infinite KK recurrences, or the breaking is delayed by a finite number

Cancellation guaranteed by sum rules implied by 5-dim symmetry

$$Z_{k} = k_{th} KK$$
 
$$g_{WWWW}^{2} - e^{2} - \sum_{k} g_{WWZ_{k}}^{2} = 0 ;$$
 
$$4M_{W}^{2} g_{WWWW}^{2} - 3 \sum_{k} g_{WWZ_{k}}^{2} M_{Z_{k}^{2}} = 0 .$$



Boundary conditions allow a general breaking pattern (for example, can lower the rank of the group)

Breaking by orbifolding is more rigid (the rank remains fixed)

corresponds to Higgs in the adjoint ( $H=A_5$  the 5th  $A_M$ )

No convincing, realistic Higgsless model for EW symmetry breaking emerged so far:

Serious problems with EW precision tests

e.g. Barbieri, Pomarol, Rattazzi '03 ; Chivukula et al also with Z->bb

m<sub>W</sub> fixes the KK gap and it is not sufficiently large

Substantial fine tuning required

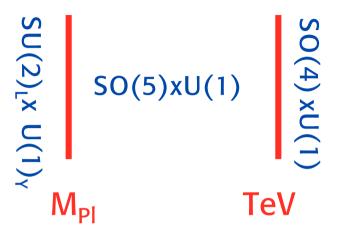
Best try: Cacciapaglia et al '06

However be alerted of possible signals at the LHC: no Higgs but KK recurrences of W, Z and additional gauge bosons



## Composite Higgs in a 5-dim AdS theory

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A new way to look at walking technicolor using AdS/CFT corresp.

All SM fields in the bulk (but the Higgs is localised near the TeV brane)

Warped R-S background

\_ As in Little Higgs models

The Higgs is a PGB and EW symmetry breaking is triggered by top-loop effects. In 4-dim the bulk appears as a strong sector

The 5-dim theory is weakly coupled so that the Higgs potential and EW observables can be computed

The Higgs is rather light:  $m_H < 185$  GeV

Apart from Higgsless models (if any?) all theories discussed here have a Higgs in LHC range (most of them light)



#### **Summarizing**

- SUSY remains the Standard Way beyond the SM
- What is unique of SUSY is that it works up to GUT's.
   GUT's are part of our culture!
   Coupling unification, neutrino masses, dark matter, ....
   give important support to SUSY
- It is true that one expected SUSY discovery at LEP2 (this is why there is a revival of alternative model building and of anthropic conjectures)
- No compelling, realistic alternative with less fine tuning so far developed (not an argument! Int. models explored)
- Extra dim.s is a complex, rich, attractive, exciting possibility.
- Little Higgs or composite models are just a postponement (both interesting to pursue)
  - Get the LHC ready fast; we badly need exp input!!!



Is it possible that the LHC does not find the Higgs particle?

Yes, it is possible, but then must find something else

Is it possible that the LHC finds the Higgs particle but no other new physics (pure and simple SM)?

Yes, it is technically possible but it is not natural

Is it possible that the LHC finds neither the Higgs nor new physics?

No, it is essentially impossible

